

## CITY DEATH RATE FOR YEAR JUMPS; CAUSE IS SOUGHT

Pneumonia Deaths For Month Already 85, While Last December Had Only 37.

### VENTILATION REMEDY URGED

Health Department Advises Shunning Crowded Cars and Assembly Halls.

A marked increase in the death rate of the District last year is shown by figures being compiled by the Health Department.

The number of deaths recorded up to and including December 25, 1915, was 6,587, an increase of 521, with figures for six days to be added.

Health Officer W. C. Woodward's mortality report will be made public about January 5. Until the report is completed it will be impossible to determine the specific causes of the increased mortality.

One factor, said Dr. Woodward, is the presence of pulmonary diseases.

**Pneumonia Deaths.** During the week ending last Saturday there were thirty deaths from pneumonia recorded. During the week preceding, there were eighteen deaths. For the four weeks of December, with six days to be added, pneumonia claimed eighty-five victims.

During December, 1914, there were thirty-seven deaths from this cause. Pneumonia was prevalent also during the spring of 1915, the records show.

Grip is not unusually prevalent, according to the officials. During the week ending December 25, only one death from this cause was recorded and none during the week previous.

### Ventilation Urged.

Care in the prevention of pneumonia is urged by the Health Department. An increase in the number of cases is to be expected with the advent of cold weather, not due to any decrease in temperature, but because of defective ventilation, incident to the cold, say health authorities.

The first consideration for the prevention of pneumonia is to have at all times an adequate supply of fresh air. The department advises avoidance of crowded assembly halls, crowded street cars and overheated rooms. Due regard, the physicians say, should be paid to dress. Warning is given also against indulgence in alcoholic liquors.

### HYATTSVILLE.

The Christmas exercises of the Memorial Methodist Church delighted a large audience. The exercises by the primary department were in charge of Miss Lela Burton, teacher.

A class of girls under the direction of Mrs. John Tucker and a class of boys taught by Miss Helen Rose also contributed to the success of the entertainment. A vocal trio by Miss Bertha Hoopes, Mrs. Elmer Hutchinson, and Frank Vogel was excellent.

Paul Jack, of Garrett, Ind., who has been visiting Edward A. Fuller, Jr., returned to his home last night.

Dr. Catherine M. Goodson, who has been visiting here, will be in the city for the holidays with Mrs. Eliza Gay Logan, of Atlanta, Ga.

A Christmas party will be given tomorrow night by the officers of the Sunday school of the First Presbyterian Church.

### ANACOSTIA.

Pupils of the Sunday school of Emmanuel Church gave an entertainment last night in the church hall. Proceeding the entertainment service was conducted by the Rev. W. O. Roome, Jr. Each pupil brought a gift. These will be distributed among the poor children. The entertainment consisted of a brief play entitled "How Some Little Dollies Came to Go As Missionaries." Misses Dorothy Latimer, Martha Hagan, Elizabeth Lindsay, and Emily Sullivan took part. Miss Marion King was in charge while Miss Alice Leamy played the piano. Santa Claus distributed candy.

Mrs. Ruth Potts, of Wayne, Pa., is passing the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Alford, of W. street.

Anacostia Council, No. 16, Jr. O. P. A. M., last night elected the following officers: Charles Fowler, counselor; J. D. Carter, vice counselor; R. A. Estep, recording secretary; John T. Ellis, financial secretary; E. A. Carter, treasurer; Joseph Smithson, conductor; R. H. Norton, warden; L. W. Brashear, inside sentinel; John Smithson, outside sentinel; John Harkness, chaplain; L. D. Donaldson, junior past commander; E. C. Prather, trustee.

Mrs. George E. Baxter and son Marvin have gone to Greenboro, N. C., for the holiday season.

Electa Chapter, No. 2, O. E. S., in stalled officers last night.

Mincola Tribe, No. 14, I. O. R. M., has elected these officers: A. H. Dyer, sachem; Stewart Womendoff, prophet; V. Myers, senior saganow; A. M. Manning, junior saganow; Henry W. Tippet, chief of records; George E. Baxter, collector of wampum; William C. White, keeper of wampum; Louis Weigle, guard of the forest.

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## India Proclaims Loyalty to Crown

Ten Thousand Delegates to National Congress at Bombay Confirm Devotion to Britain.

BOMBAY (via London, Dec. 28).—Ten thousand delegates, representing all communities, were present at the opening of the annual India National Congress, which was notable for the loyal and patriotic utterances of the speakers.

"Millions in India are waiting to serve," was the keynote of the opening speeches. In the presidential address Sir Satyendra Sinha said that the supreme feeling in India was "admiration for the self-imposed burden Great Britain has been bearing in the struggle for liberty and freedom and pride that India had proved herself not a whit behind the rest of the empire in the past century." Sir Satyendra expressed the hope that "the spontaneous outburst of loyalty had dispelled forever all the quiet and suspicion between the Indians and their rulers." The speaker admitted that the time had not arrived for self-government in India, but urged the British government to approve ungrudgingly the goal to which India aspired and also to permit the reuniting of a strong national Indian army.

## ALEXANDRIA RED MEN TO TREAT CHILDREN

Elks Gave Brilliant Dance. Exercises At Churches New Year Eve.

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 28.—All arrangements have been completed for the Christmas tree festival which Semple Tribe of Red Men will give to the needy children of Alexandria tomorrow night in the Young People's Building. About 25 invitations have been issued for the occasion, and the celebration promises to be a success in every way. A Christmas stocking will be given to each child, containing fruit, nuts, and candy, besides some clothing and a present of some toy. The committee in charge of plans for the entertainment is composed of the following members of the tribe: Walter S. Nicklin, Harry L. Newton, Constable C. Brawner, Roger C. Sullivan, and Arthur J. Butcher.

Three Sunday school celebrations take place tonight. The main Sunday school of the Second Presbyterian Church, the Trinity Methodist, and Methodist all hold their Christmas festivals at 7:30 in their respective auditoriums and Sunday school rooms. Last night the main schools of the M. E. Church South, the Second Baptist, and Grace Episcopal churches held their celebrations, and yesterday afternoon the primary departments of the M. E. Church South school held its festival. But one more Sunday school in the city tonight will hold a festival, that being the school of the First Baptist Church, which will hold its entertainment tomorrow night in the church auditorium.

Alexandria Lodge of Elks gave a Christmas dance last night in the auditorium of its home on Prince street. More than a hundred guests from Washington also attended the affair, a special car having been provided for their return to the Capital City. Supper was served in the refreshment hall, and the whole affair was unusually brilliant. Decorations were of Christmas greens and palms.

Only two Alexandria churches will hold exercises in connection with the passing away of the old year, the Second Baptist and the Trinity Methodist. The first named church will hold a big reception for its members from 7:30 p. m. New Year eve until 11 o'clock. From then until midnight, special religious services will be conducted by the pastor, the Rev. O. W. Triplett, to usher in the year 1916. At Trinity Church, the Christmas services will be held from 10 until midnight, conducted by the Rev. Lettison M. Ferguson, pastor.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lena Kohn, who died Monday night at 5:30 o'clock tomorrow morning and at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

The funeral of little Allen P. Johnson, the six-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen P. Johnson, who died Monday night, will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the residence of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ascher, where the death occurred, and will be conducted by the Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector of Grace Episcopal Church.

The three remaining nights in the year 1915 will be the last of the holiday dances of three dancing clubs of Alexandria. The one taking place tonight is the Christmas german of the Junior Assembly, the latest event that organization gives during the season, at which a large number of out-of-town guests are expected. Tomorrow night the holiday dance of the Alexandria Assembly will be given, and on New Year Eve the Alexandria German Club will dance the old year out. The Junior German Club meets the afternoon of New Year Eve.

The alumni of the Alexandria High School will be entertained Friday afternoon, December 31, by Miss Corinne Beardon, who is president of the alumni association that organized this summer, at her home in Prince street.

"Castle Christmas" was the name of the play presented by the pupils of St. Paul's Sunday school at the Norton Memorial last night.

Here is Proof—

"My little daughter has a terrible attack of lung trouble, with a terrible cough. After trying a doctor's medicine, which did very little good, we gave her Father John's Medicine, with the pleasant result that she was soon well, and we know that Father John's Medicine will keep her well." (Signed) G. O. Krogstad, Lanesboro, Minn.

Father John's medicine is safe for every body.

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## OVER 1,000 ATTEND CENTRAL'S REUNION

Men Prominent in City Business and Professional Life Answer Roll Call.

Many men prominent in the city's business and professional life were among the 1,000 or more who answered "present" to the roll call of the Central High School Alumni Association in the old school building yesterday.

It developed that every class in the history of the institution dating back to 1878 was represented. Superintendent of Schools Thurston, himself a Central High graduate, was introduced by Robert Green, '07, the retiring president. The school official narrated many incidents in the development of the Central High School, dwelling at length on the progress being made in the construction of the new home of the school at Eleventh street and Florida avenue.

"The same lofty traditions made by the alumni will be carried to the new school by the present classes which are imbued with the Central spirit," declared Emory Wilson, the principal of the school, another alumnus. G. A. Lyon was chosen president, G. H. Jackson, first vice president, John W. McLaughlin, secretary, Miss Mildred Dean, treasurer, and Miss Olive Keys, assistant secretary and treasurer. The new committee on the record and class secretaries is composed of the following: chief office and Miss H. W. Coolidge, Miss Dorothy Sherman, Miss Lily Rush, Franklin Meyers, and Gerald Weikert; committee on social affairs, reunions, theater benefits, and excursions, Miss Mildred Dean, Miss Adeline Pollock, Mrs. Gertrude Collier, Milton Kaufman, Miss Dorothy Thompson, Claude Babcock, and Stuart King; committee on school interests, the new school, college bureau, and vocational training, Miss S. P. Lynch, Miss Emily Stearns, Mrs. S. W. Farr, Harry Engleish, Fred Fishback, Robert Greene, and Richard Delahay.

Letters of regret were read from Percy Hughes and F. R. Lane, former principals. A chorus from '88 and '89 sang a song entitled "Grasshopper," which was popular during their school days at Central.

Following the program a reception and dance was held, and refreshments were served.

### NEVER DRANK WATER; DEAD AT AGE OF 117

Italian Woman Always Took Wine. Children, Who Didn't, Died Many Years Ago.

BOMBE, Dec. 28 (via mails).—Mrs. Paulina Pellegrini, who swore she never tasted water, but always drank wine when she thirsted, died at San Michele today, aged 117 years.

Her twelve children who, according to the old lady herself, "were addicted to the pernicious habit of drinking water," have been dead many years.

### Comedy Presented By Christian Endeavors

"A Perplexing Situation," a comedy in two acts, was presented last night by the Christian Endeavor Society of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.

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### Swiss Flyer Will Give Exhibition On Tuesday

Juan Domenjos, Swiss aviator, will give an exhibition flight in a monoplane Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock for the benefit of the delegates to the Pan-American Scientific Congress.

Domenjos is a pupil of Pezard, the famous French aviator, and he will do some of the acrobatics he accomplished by that aviator before his death in defense of his country. He has been in this country three months, and has given exhibition flights in New York and Goshen. In the former flight he looped the loop over the Statue of Liberty in a heavy gale. In South America he looped the loop for eight times in twenty-four minutes.

### Dropped Coins in Lap Of Aged Dead Woman

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 28.—Charitably inclined persons passing 1812 Arctie avenue dropped coins in the lap of an aged woman, who sat on the doorstep.

Pelleman Rich noticed the woman still sitting there at 3 o'clock in the morning. She had died early the night before, but pedestrians believed she was blind, and dropped the coins as they walked past.

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Times Want Ads Bring Results

## NEW YORK BIGGEST OF CITIES SINCE 1911

Fact That London Took Second Place Was Hidden By British Blunder.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—New York is the largest city in the world. London by reason of losses occasioned by the war and because of a gigantic mistake in estimating the population, must now admit that the American metropolis is the bigger by about a quarter of a million people.

Now are matters improved, as Londoners have imagined by comparing the population of Greater London with that of Greater New York, for there again the American metropolis beats the older city by 122,000.

It is four years now since the last census of London was taken, but the official figures have just been made public.

These figures show, among other things, an astonishing blunder. The census revealed that there were actually some four and one-half millions within the county of London (which means London proper), but the London county council and other local authorities had been estimating that the population was 3,600,000 more, and accordingly all statistics as to births and deaths have been inaccurate.

The exact number of people in the county of London, according to these 1911 figures, is 4,223,358, whereas New York city in 1910 numbered 4,766,233. Counting in "extra London," as it is termed (that is, London outside the county), the population of the erstwhile metropolis of the world is 5,241,358, or nearly half of Greater New York, including the Westchester and New Jersey suburbs, was at the last census 7,383,571.

Considering, however, that the latter count was made in 1911, three years later than London's most recent enumeration, the probability is that the biggest cities of the Old and New World are now just about neck and neck.

### Ladies Will Be Hostesses At National Press Club

There will be a real ladies' night tomorrow at the National Press Club. Usually it is an entertainment for the ladies, but this time the ladies will be the hosts.

From then and as a gift to the club there will be presented a cathedral chime clock. In recognition of the courtesies extended to the club during the year.

Besides inviting women to the club for an evening once a month the roof garden was at their disposal during the summer months. The committee in charge of tomorrow night's entertainment is composed of Mrs. Frank B. Lord, Mrs. H. C. Hallam, Mrs. Theodore H. Tiller, Mrs. E. M. Hood, and Mrs. H. M. MacLennan. A musical program will be given. This will include dancing by Miss May Plack, vocal selections by Gretchen Hood and Messrs. Sexton, Hammer, and James Hildes, violin solo by Carmine Erbizzo, and impersonations by Leroy Glitzer and Arthur Pierce.

The club house will be open to ladies' night guests beginning with dinner from 6 o'clock on.

### Mrs. Norris Wants A Limited Divorce

A limited divorce is sought by Octavia F. Norris from James E. Norris, a letter carrier, in a petition filed today in the District Supreme Court by Attorney A. W. Gray. Justice McCoy has issued a rule calling Norris to appear in Equity Court No. 2, January 7, and show cause why he should not pay alimony during the pendency of the suit.

The grounds for the action include alleged cruel and inhuman treatment and desertion.

### \$3,000 Judgment For Miss Helen Houghton

Default judgment in the sum of \$3,000 was ordered today by Justice McCoy in the action brought by Helen Houghton against the supreme council of the Royal Arcanum. The defendant is on a policy alleged to have been held by her brother, Charlie C. Cook, in which she was named the beneficiary. Attorney Walter A. Johnson appeared for the plaintiff.

### Best Treatment For CATARRH Remove the Cause

Specialists in Catarrh troubles agree that it is an infection of the blood. Once you get your blood free from impurities—cleaned of the Catarrh, the dripping in the throat, hawking and spitting, raw sores in the nostrils, and the disagreeable breath. Don't suffer with Catarrh—it is not necessary. Write the Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga., for free expert medical advice, and take S. S. S. at once. Adv.

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